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President: Mr. de ALWIS (Sri Lanka)

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SECOND PART OF THE NINTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL (agenda item 2)

1. The PRESIDENT introduced a draft provisional agenda for the second part of the ninth special session which he had prepared as a result of his informal consultations on the subject.

2. The provisional agenda for the second part of the ninth special session (TD/B/L.492) was adopted.

PREPARATORY WORK FOR THE SECOND PART OF THE NINTH SPECIAL SESSION (agenda item 3)

(b) MANDATE OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP OF EXPERTS ON THE EXTERNAL INDEBTEDNESS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

3. The PRESIDENT invited the Board to consider the following mandate for the second meeting of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts:

> "To prepare for items 2 and 3 of the provisional agenda of the ninth special session of the Trade and Development Board at ministerial level and to report to the resumed first part of that session."

4. The mandate for the second meeting of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts (TD/B/L.493) was adopted.

5. It was decided to request the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to prepare the necessary documents for use by the Intergovernmental Group of Experts.

(c) OTHER ARRANGEMENTS

6. The PRESIDENT proposed that the agenda for the resumed first part of the ninth special session at the level of senior officials should be the same as that for the ministerial part of the session, and that the schedule of meetings should be as follows: second meeting of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on the External Indebtedness of Developing Countries, 5-16 December 1977; second part of the ninth special session of the Board at the level of senior officials, 23-27 January 1978; third part of the ninth special session at the ministerial level, 6-10 March 1978. The proposed date of the meeting of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts might not necessitate the postponement of the scheduled meeting of Governmental Experts on Interdependence of the Problems of Trade, Development Finance and the International Monetary System.

7. Mr. STEINBACHER (Office of Administration) said that the financial implications of the session of the Board at the level of senior officials, based on the usual servicing requirements for sessions of the Board, would amount to $125,000.

8. The statement was noted and the above arrangements were approved.

OTHER BUSINESS (agenda item 4)

9. The PRESIDENT invited the Board to consider the report on credentials (TD/B/676).

10. The report on credentials was adopted.

11. The PRESIDENT invited the Board to consider a draft decision on conference facilities which he had submitted as a result of informal consultations (TD/B/L.491).

12. Mr. STEINBACHER (Office of Administration) said that a preliminary study made by the United Nations Office at Geneva earlier in the year indicated that it was technically feasible to adapt, for interpretation in six languages, conference rooms XXI and XXVI of building E of the Palais des Nations. The construction work for those two conference rooms was estimated to take about six months and to cost $175,000.

13. The draft decision was adopted.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT ON THE FIRST PART OF THE NINTH SPECIAL SESSION (agenda item 5) (TD/B/L.490 and Add.1)

14. The draft report on the first part of the ninth special session (TD/B/L.490 and Add.1) was adopted.

15. The PRESIDENT declared the first part of the ninth special session closed.

The meeting rose at 6.25 p.m.